Closure of Ferro Chrome Plant in Orissa

*312. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ferro Chrome Plant at Jajpur Road in Orissa has been closed down;

(b) if so, since when and the reasons for closure of the plant;

(c) the number of workers thrown/out of employment due to closure of the plant;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to revive the plant; and

(e) if so, the steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ferro Chrome Plant of Industrial Development Corporation of Orissa Limited (IDCOL), at Jajpur Road in Orissa is in operation as on date. The operation of the Plant was temporarily stopped from 28.4.2001 to 22.6.2001, in view of the rising cost of production, huge inventory of finished goods and falling market rate for Ferro Chrome.

(c) to (e) Dot not arise, in view of (a) and (b) above.

Development of Urban Slums

*313. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons living in city slums of the country is increasing rapidly and constantly;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to deal with the problem arising due to increase in slums in the country; and

(c) the amount of money spent by Government for the development of slums during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The implementation and development of slums is a State subject and